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REMARKS

Claims 1-26 are pending in the present application. In the Final Office Action mailed August 3, 2005, the Examiner rejected claims 1-10 under 35 U.S.C. §101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. The Examiner next rejected claim 17 under 35 U.S.C. §101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claims 18-26 depend from independent claim 17; and therefore are rejected under the same rational as claim 17.

Applicant has amended claims 1 and 17 to address the rejections thereof under 35 U.S.C. §101. By these amendments, it is believed that the claims are clearly directed to subject matter that is within the technological arts and produces a useful, concrete, and tangible result. Claim 19 has also been amended to comport with the amendments to claim 17. Therefore, the claims are believed to be directed to statutory subject matter.

As no outstanding issues remain, Applicant respectfully believes that the present application is in condition for allowance. As a result, Applicant respectfully requests timely issuance of a Notice of Allowance for claims 1-26.

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's consideration of these Amendments and Remarks and cordially invites the Examiner to call the undersigned, should the Examiner consider any matters unresolved.

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